

## Major General Marianne Mathewson-Chapman

### Standby Ready Reserve Army----Inactive



Major General Marianne Mathewson-Chapman was the former Deputy Surgeon General to the Army Surgeon General and Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard in Washington DC. She provided oversight of the health and wellness of 350,000 ARNG soldiers in 54 states and territories. MG Mathewson-Chapman was the first woman in the Army National Guard promoted to the rank of Major General. Presently she is in the USAR control group, ARPERSCOM on the Standby Ready Reserve—Inactive and eligible for future assignments.

MG Mathewson-Chapman's military career began on active duty in 1970 as an ensign at the U.S. Navy stationed at the Naval Regional Medical Center, San Diego. In 1975, she joined the California Army National Guard and served as an armor battalion surgeon and medical instructor. In 1980, she transferred to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and served as a field artillery battalion surgeon. In 1982, she became the brigade surgeon for an artillery brigade in the Florida Army National Guard. In 1987, she was selected to be the chief nurse for the 202nd Medical Group and was mobilized to Desert Storm. In Desert Storm (1990-1991), she served as the deputy chief nurse for the 3rd Medical Command in Saudi Arabia and assisted in the establishment of 44 Active and Reserve component hospitals in five Southwest Asia countries. Following her return to Florida, she became chief nurse, Florida Army National Guard. In January 1997 she was promoted to brigadier general with duty as special assistant to the Chief, Army Nurse Corps, for Mobilization and Army National Guard Affairs, in Washington D.C.

In her civilian role, MG Mathewson Chapman is the Nurse Executive for the Veterans Administration (VACO) responsible for linking VHA with the Department of Defense healthcare assets in collaborative VA/DOD sharing initiatives and T-NEX contracts. She is assigned in the VA Medical Surgical Services and as VA Liaison/ to DOD/Tricare Management Activity (TMA) in Washington, DC.

MG Mathewson-Chapman attended Trinity Lutheran School of Nursing, Kansas City. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of San Diego and a Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of California, Los Angeles. She completed her Doctorate in Nursing with a minor in anthropology and certification in gerontology studies at the University of Florida. She is an advanced nurse practitioner in adult health and oncology and in 2000, she completed a two-year VHA postdoctoral nurse research fellowship in men's health, specifically in prostate cancer and health promotion for men over the age of 40. She lectures extensively to men's groups on health promotion strategies and health awareness, and has presented her research to national professional organizations. Her VA/DOD goals are to enhance the medical readiness of reserve military soldiers in peacetime and for overseas deployments through health promotion, prevention strategies and health education. The motto she uses is "Fit to Fight and Health for Life". She has formed partnerships between DOD and VHA to accomplish this mission.

MG Mathewson-Chapman's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia, Kuwait Medals and Florida Cross. She also was awarded the Order of Medical Military Merit Medal. She received a Meritorious Service Medal for her role in casualty triage and treatment at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 from Assistant Secretary Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Her civilian awards include the *1997 Florida Women's Achievement Award/Medal* from the Secretary of State, Florida, and the *Bronze Good Citizenship Medal* from the Sons/Daughters of the American Revolution. The Florida Governor and the Florida Commission on the Status of Women inducted her into the *2000 Florida Women's Hall of Fame*. She also received the highest award in military nursing, the coveted *9A-proficiency designator* from the Surgeon General of the Army, for outstanding achievements and contributions to the nursing profession. MG Mathewson-Chapman was awarded with the team of developers of the Federal Strategic Health Alliance (FEDS\_HEAL) the prestigious *Hammer Award* for innovative accomplishments in re-engineering government's business practices and linking the Department of Defense with the Veterans Health Administration. She continues her role as VA liaison to DOD in deployment health issues relating to the reserve components and initiatives to improved medical readiness through VA services. She is active on VA/DOD committees with a focus on information management (electronic medical record and annual medical screening for RC soldiers and deployment health medical sharing initiatives and joint ventures. She also continues her role as consultant to DOD/TMA on RC health and deployment issues as well as collaborative initiatives and training opportunities with VA/DOD.